

1. The Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals would like to recommend that the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers seek amendment to NRS 639.0125 for the inclusion of Licensed Athletic Trainers. **You would need to seek to amend this section of NRS via a bill during the 2015 legislative session. I will caution you on this—this definition could open athletic trainers to liability under chapter 639 so just be aware, that everywhere in chapter 639 of NRS and NAC that uses the term practitioner, an athletic trainer will be required to comply.**
2. The Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals would like to recommend to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers, the implementation of protocols and guidelines for Prescription Medications to be written between the Licensed Athletic Trainer and the Directing Licensed Physician such that they are within the educational competencies and scope of practice of the Licensed Athletic Trainer. **This is within the Board's authority to regulate (under the scope of practice). I notice your regulations are pretty minimal though you do adopt by reference the Standards of Professional Practice. Is there anything in those Standards governing this? If so, you would need to craft a regulation in a way such that the regulation would be in addition to the standards. You can't have a conflict between the two. For reference, certain nurses, prior to this legislative session, had to have a collaborative agreement with a physician and have it memorialized in a protocol. See NAC 632.2555 to get a basic idea. It's pretty minimal, but you can get the idea. And NAC 632.2595 talks about a certificate to dispense certain drugs (which an athletic trainer would have to have as well from the Board of Pharmacy to dispense).**
3. The Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals would like to recommend to the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers, the implementation of protocols and guidelines for Over the Counter Medications to be written between the Licensed Athletic Trainer and the Directing Licensed Physician such that they are within the educational competencies and scope of practice of the Licensed Athletic Trainer. **This really goes with number 2 above. You can craft a regulation which requires an athletic trainer and a directing licensed physician to have a protocol governing the disbursement of over the counter meds and scrip meds. Again, keeping in mind any sort of standard found in the Standards.**
4. The Subcommittee on Pharmaceuticals would like to recommend that the Nevada State Board of Athletic Trainers adopt the current educational competencies from the National Athletic Trainers Association in regards to Therapeutic Medications as described therein and subsequent changes thereto. **If there is some sort of publication governing this, you could adopt it by reference much like you do in NAC 640B.030.**